

They Believe but are they Believers! Who shall Live with God Forever

“1 Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill? 2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart. 3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour. 4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not. 5 He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.” (Psalm 15:1-5 KJV)

The Question in the heart of King David in this psalm that he sang to God was this: ***“Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle?”*** Or in another word: Who shall live with God forever?

The Lord Jesus Christ when he was on earth, He clearly said, ***“21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.” (Matthew 7:21 KJV)*** Those who do the will of God the Father they will be with God the Father forever. This will be clearer as we read few more verses from the Bible that shows us this spiritual truth.

1. “14 Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.” (Hebrews 12:14 KJV) That means those who does not live a holy life shall not be able to be with God and live with Him forever when Jesus shall come to take us to Heaven with Him.

2. “7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.” (Psalm 11:7 KJV) That means that God looks and cares for those who are upright in their lives and who live in righteousness, but He will not consider and love those who do evil and those who do not live in righteousness.

3. “8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.” (Matthew 5:8 KJV) That means those who are not pure in heart and cherish wickedness and having evil and wrong motives in their heart they will not be able to see God nor to meet Him when Jesus will come to take us to Heaven.

4. “8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.” (Revelation 21:8 KJV) ***“27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.” (Revelation 21:8, 27)*** These few verses from the Book of Revelation that speak about the end times show us clearly the categories that are not allowed to enter into the kingdom of God and as the following:

A. The fearful, those who fear man and do things to please people and do not fear God or do things to please Him.

B. The unbelieving, those who does not have faith in God, in Jesus Christ, and does not have faith in His Word.

C. The abominable, and those who work abomination, the things that God hate most, are those who break the commands of God and do exactly the opposite of what He said.

D. The murderers, those who commit murders and for them killing people is something acceptable.

E. The whoremongers, those who live in sexual immoralities, like sex outside the marriage life, live in relationship, multiple marriages, divorce and remarriage, a single mother or a single father who marries not the father nor the mother of her or his child or children.

F. The sorcerers, those who practice and live on magic arts.

G. The idolaters, those who believe, worship and serve idols, which can be of various kinds like men, women, animals, sun, star moons, demons, etc.

H. All liars, and even those who make a lie, to hide a fact, to disfigure the truth, to deceive, cheat and to mislead others.

I. The defiled, those who are corrupted and who disfigured the Word of God in their lives and who live in principles and values that are faults and far from God's Word.

Jesus Christ came from Heaven. He died on the cross for our sins, He was buried but rose from the death on the third day to give eternal life to those who believe in Him and follow His steps in their lives. But some people will take that for granted and they will start to abuse the grace of God and His love for them. So we need to be careful how to walk with God. He who does the good things that God recommended will never be shaken.

In addition to the above, in ***Psalm 15*** God wants from each and every one of us to be persistent in doing right things for Him and in observing the following points:

1. “2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.” (Psalm 15:2 KJV): God wants us to be without blame and upright in our lives and conducts. God wants us to know the truth and to live in the truth and to speak the truth from our hearts.

2. “3 He that backbiteth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbour, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.” (Psalm 15:3 KJV): Slander or backbiting is a wrong word or a lie concerning someone. * God does not want us to slander any one and give false testimony against anyone. God wants us if needed that we confront the people face to face with their wrong doings. * God does not want us to do evil and wrong things to our neighbors. We need to be careful not to harm others. Sometimes we are not aware that we are harming others. ***“4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.” (Philippians***

2:4 KJV) * God also does not want us to accuse our neighbor with false things as He said, “nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.” God does not want us to cast a slur on our fellowman neighbor. Slur is a false accusation against someone that would put him in a trouble. We should have a clean hand and a pure heart avoiding such a kind of evil. * Let it be now our priority is to be fruitful people and of benefit to others and not doing them wrong. We should not get advantage from people and abuse their time, money, and their resources. **“6 That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.”** (1 Thessalonians 4:6 KJV)

3. “4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.” (Psalm 15:4 KJV) We should not have a double standard. Our moral standard is the Word of God. The upright man is careful to estimate people by their moral standards rather than by other factors. * We should despise those who are evil and discounts them for whatever reason, and we should give our respect and honor to those who fear the Lord. * As well as we need to understand to promise is one thing and to keep the promise is another thing. It is easy to keep commitment as long as your are comfortable but what if you got hurt from what you have committed yourself for, are you going to keep your commitment? This is integrity and God wants you to do that and keeps what you promised if that does not contradict with His Word.

4. “5 He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.” (Psalm 15:5 KJV) * We are recommended to lend freely to those who are in need from our brethren and without charging them any interest. Freely you receive freely you give. * As well as we are recommended not to receive any reward against the innocent which is what is known as bribe. The purpose of bribe is to corrupt justice. Bribe gives privilege to the one who does not deserve it and injure the innocent party. Therefore we need to refrain from all such evil.

From what we learned until now from this message that we can understand that if we believe in Jesus and our lives are not transformed by His Word and we are not changed and live in holiness then we are unsaved. In the book of John we can read about people who believe in Jesus but they are questionable if they are believers as we can read in the following Scriptures:

1. They believe in Jesus because they saw the miraculous signs that He did: “23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did.” (John 2:23 KJV) Now many are attracted to Jesus because He does miracles for them or He answers their prayer. But the question is this: Does these people will continue to believe and have faith in Him even when He will not do miracles for them or answer their prayers?

2. They believe but Jesus would not entrust Himself to them: “24 But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all men, 25 And needed not that any should testify of man: for he knew what was in man.” (John 2:24-25 KJV) Jesus knows what is in the hearts of the people and He knows the motive of each and

every man. You cannot mock the Lord; He can probe your heart and knows what is inside you indeed.

3. They believed in Jesus because He gave them food: “26 Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.” (John 6:26 KJV) And that is the truth, many they believe and run after Jesus because He gives them food and other material things. Such kind of people you see them moving from place to place not by the leading of the Holy Spirit, but they will move after those who give them food, money and other material things.

4. They believe but they did not continue to believe in Him and walk with Him because of the hard teaching: “53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. 54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. 56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.” (John 6:53-56 KJV) Jesus Christ is the living Word of God and to eat the flesh of Jesus and drink His blood is to accept and to digest all His Word that is in the Bible and to be willing to do His will. **“60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it?”** (John 6:60 KJV) That is what is going on, when we evangelize reaching new people we find them coming to the Lord, but when we start to give the hard teaching many they cannot accept it and would not continue walking with the Lord. **“61 When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? 62 What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? 63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. 64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. 65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. 66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.”** (John 6:61-66 KJV) So when it come to hard teaching many they run away as had happened to the disciples at the time of Jesus.

5. They believe but they would not continue because they would betray the Lord: “70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil? 71 He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.” (John 6:70-71 KJV) Some who believe in Jesus would do disgraceful things and harm the Lord as Judas Iscariot betrayed the Lord for the sake of money. Many they would betray Him for the sake of satisfying their earthly and worldly desires, **“18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)”** (Philippians 3:18-19 KJV)

6. They believe but they are not the real disciples: “31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31-32 KJV) The true disciples of Jesus are those who hold truly to His Word and

to His teaching, and truly they are the true children of God. But if they are claiming that they are Jesus' disciples but they are telling lies and living in disobedience to God's Word, having immoralities, doing disgraceful things and they are not ashamed of such, then they are no more children of God but of the devil as Jesus said when He confronted some of them, **"44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."** (John 8:44 KJV)

My Dear and Beloved: Jesus said, **"15 If ye love me, keep my commandments."** (John 14: 15 KJV) To accept Jesus and to receive Him is to accept and receive His Word that is in the Bible. This would be the case for you; if you believe in Jesus you need to continue to believe in Him and to follow His Word, even to follow all His hard teaching so you will have eternal life.

He who does these things will never be shaken. If you are consistent in doing all the above good things that we discussed and avoiding all kinds of evil that we mentioned in this message and moving away from it, then you will never be moved or shaken and you will enjoy safety and display stability in your life and you will go with us when Jesus will come to take us to Heaven.

Let us pray

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried but rose from the dead on the third day to give us eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that you sent in this message that taught me how I need to live my life for you. Lord thank you for all the material and the spiritual blessings that you bestow on my life. Lord thank you for all the admonishments, the rebukes and the corrections we received in this message.

Now repent and renounce all your sins. Renounce your lack of faith, your lack of believe and your lack of trust in God. Repent of your worldliness and your yoke with non believers and many friends. Repent of your lies, slanders, backbiting, and making slurs against innocent people. Repent of your cheating, bribing, compromising, doing injustice, and sharing in corruption and abuse against innocent people. Repent of your selfishness, doing your own will, lack of commitment and non willingness to give to God your time, your effort and your material things. Repent of your murders, fights, magic, your lust, immoralities, and the rest of the works of the flesh. Repent of your idol worship and your involvement in feasts offered to idols. Repent of your non willingness to help the poor brethren and lend them what they need. Repent of your practice of usury. Repent from your non willingness to serve God and serve others and bring them to Christ. Repent from your wrong motives and using the ministry and the works of God for your own benefits to get material things. Repent of your betrayal to the Lord. Repent of your lack of discipline and being inconsistent in serving God and your backing out from the ministry and your commitment during the time of trials. Repent from wasting your time and spoiling your mind with the Media, News and games. Repent of your lack of reading God's Word in the Bible and studying the Scripture, and your lack of prayer. Lord I repent from the following sins _____.

Lord I receive you, and accept and hold firmly to all the teaching of your Word. Forgive me my previous lack of commitment. Lord from this time on I commit myself to be persistent in doing all the above good things, and to refrain from all the evil things that we learned in this message and from your Word. Lord I commit myself to serve you and to be consistent even during the times of trials. Lord I commit myself to be willing to suffer for you even during the times of persecution. This is my commitment and my prayer to you in Jesus name, Amen.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins and realized all their shortcomings. Lord uphold them with your grace and continue to teach them your ways and how to live their lives for you. Lord continue to cleanse them from their sins and perfect their walks with you. Lord protect them and provide for them so that they will continue to live for you, serving you, being part of the divine nature, and setting good example to others to follow you.

Lord we pray for us as a church that we will continue to serve you, to be part of the divine nature and that we will do all what we can to escape the corruption in this world. Lord protect us, our families, workers and ministers from all the temptations of the devil and its demons; we come against all that in the name of Jesus. Lord we commit ourselves to walk before you in holiness in accordance to your Word, your will and plan for us. Lord lead us to help people who are in sin and bondages and are looking for help from you to be delivered. Lord refill us once again with the Holy Spirit, and lead us and enable us to reach new people, making new disciples and training new workers, and to plant new Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord I pray for more people to be water baptized, and receives the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord bless and increase all our ministries, and prepare us for your coming that we will go with you when you come to take us. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God,' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus, and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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